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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, US, LA  
SUBJ: ROYAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: STATE 77793

1. I AGREE WITH REASONING IN PARA 2 REFTEL THAT A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES BY KING SRI SAVANG VATTHANA IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS TRIP TO FRANCE WOULD BE A USEFUL DEMONSTRATION OF CONTINUED AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR LAOS AND FOR THE KING AS A SYMBOL OF LAO UNITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. PARTICULARLY WITH CURRENT TREND OF EVENTS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AND CAMBODIA, ANY GESTURE ON OUR PART WHICH SYMBOLIZES OUR SUPPORT FOR THE LAO PEACE SETTLEMENT AND FOR THE KING -- WHOSE SYMBOLIC ROLE HERE HAS BEEN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE -- CAN ONLY BE HELPFUL.

2. THE KING MAY LEAVE A GREAT DEAL TO BE DESIRED AS A LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE, BUT IN HIS OWN WAY HE HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE THROUGHOUT THE WAR PERIOD IN NEVER ALLOWING THE TWO SIDES TO BECOME COMPLETELY ESTRANGED AND IN PROVIDING A SYMBOL WHICH ALL LAO, EVEN THE COMMUNISTS, COULD RESPECT. HE IS NOW SERVING AS A MAJOR PROP TO THE VIENTIANE SIDE IN HIS EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE CONSTITUTION, MOST NOTABLY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AFFAIR. HIS ROLE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CONSTRUCTIVE ONE AND HE HAS BEEN A STEADFAST FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. A ROYAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE.

3. INCIDENTALLY, I UNDERSTAND THAT HIS MAJESTY MAY ALSO  
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MAKE AN OFTEN-POSTPONED VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN

CONNECTION WITH HIS TRIP TO FRANCE.  
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